

REMARKS

In a Final Office Action, mailed on November 28, 2009, all of the currently pending Claims 1-12, 43, 71-73, and 98 were rejected. Claim 1 was amended in a response filed on May 28, 2009, along with a Request For Continued Examination.

Based on the results of a telephonic interview conducted on July 23, 2009, a further amendment is provided for independent Claim 1. Further, the previous cancellation of Claims 75-97 without prejudice is withdrawn. Also, independent Claims 75, 84, 85, and 87 are amended to include subject matter that is substantially similar to amended Claim 1, albeit somewhat different. And dependent claims 90, 91, 94, 96, and 97 are amended to include the word "file" to correct an informality. Furthermore, after entry of the instant amendment, Claims 1-12, 43, 71-73 and 75-98 will be pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Additionally, two terminal disclaimers will be filed concurrently herewith in regard to U.S. Patent No. 7,146,524, and U.S. Patent App. No. 11/880,462.

Examiner Interview

On July 23, 2009, the applicants' attorney, John W. Branch, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Susan Chen to discuss a previously submitted amendment. At that time, Examiner Chen suggested a further amendment which would put the pending claims into condition for allowance. Furthermore, Examiner Chen noted that the proposed amendment was across the restriction boundary on record, and the restriction would be withdrawn for Claims 75-97 if they were amended in accordance with the Examiner's proposed amendment. Also, a corroborating Interview Summary of the telephonic interview was mailed on July 28, 2009.

Based on the discussion in the telephonic interview and the substance of the Interview Summary, Claim 1 is further amended to include the text suggested by the Examiner. Also, the cancellation of Claims 75-97 is withdrawn and independent Claims 75, 84, 85, and 87 are amended to substantially include similar subject matter as amended Claim 1, albeit somewhat different.

Consequently, after entry of this amendment, all of the pending Claims 1-12, 43, 71-73, and 75- 98 are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant's representative believes the pending application is now in condition for allowance.

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